

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 438

By Herron

A RESOLUTION to recognize Dr. Gary Brown on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gary Brown is one such estimable person who has served with distinction during his thirty-seven years teaching Psychology at the University of Tennessee (UT) at Martin, twenty-four of those years as Chair of the Department of Psychology; Dr. Brown will be taking a much deserved retirement on June 30, 2007; and

WHEREAS, after earning his Ph.D from Texas Christian University, Dr. Brown began his career as an Assistant Professor of Psychology at UT Martin and during the next few years advanced to Associate Professor, then Professor; he had previously served as a Research Assistant and Instructor at Texas Christian and as a Research Fellow in Medical Psychology at Rehabilitation Services Administration Fellowship in Fort Worth, Texas; and

WHEREAS, beyond his academic work, Dr. Brown has extensive clinical experience; he has served as a licensed psychologist and Designated Health Service Provider for the State of Tennessee; a consultant to Weakley, Obion, and Gibson County Schools; and a consultant to Community Developmental Services, Developmental Disability District, Tennessee Early Intervention Program, Volunteer General Hospital, and other private agencies and individuals; and

WHEREAS, Gary Brown's labor of love is the Children's Treatment Center in Martin, a facility where he currently provides services to children with autism and other neuropsychological disorders; the impact upon families and children in the area is immeasurable, with families driving from hours away to receive the treatment their children need; and

WHEREAS, a consummate professional, Dr. Brown is a member of the Tennessee Psychological Association, Psi Chi, Sigma Xi, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science; he also demonstrates his commitment to the ongoing learning process with twenty hours of APA-approved Continuing Education Units each year; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Brown has had his work published in a number of scholarly journals, including *Psychological Reports*, *Perspectives*, *A Mental Health Magazine*, and the *Journal of Experimental Child Psychology*; and

WHEREAS, in honor of his years of dedicated service to the students of UT Martin, the Psychology Department is establishing a permanent endowment in his name, which will be awarded to deserving Psychology students; and

WHEREAS, still passionate about his field of study, Dr. Brown will continue to teach one course per semester, conduct research, and supervise practica students; and

WHEREAS, Gary Brown exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family, community, and education that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Dr. Brown has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Dr. Gary Brown our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement from his meritorious career as Chair of the Psychology Department of the University of Tennessee at Martin and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.